

Freeport, Beautiful Venice of Long Island, Strong on Canals, Actors and Civic Pride



South Shore Town Has Had Phenomenal Growth in Recent Years, and an Army of Real Estate Agents Is Required to Handle the Business Made Possible by Tremendous Expansion.

Is Famous for a Colony of Noted Thespians—Its Waterways Make Every Man's Home a Private Bath House, and Bon Vivants Flock There for Shore Dinners.

By Will B. Johnstone.

Some day Long Island will be as completely settled as Manhattan Island is to-day. Paste that in your scrap book and read it a hundred years hence. The same process of development that swept up Manhattan is going down Long Island, where hamlets of yesterday are now lusty villages with growing pains that indicate approaching cityhood. The future actors and go-goers of Long Island are buying now. Freeport, L. I., twenty-five miles from the center of New York City, located on the south shore, is a fine example of this process.

In 1643 the Merock Indians inhabited the place, which was known as Washburn's Neck, and Great South Bay, adjoining Great Bay, now called South Bay. The famous Merrick Road here gets its name from the Merocks.

Raynortown was the next name given the settlement, coming from the Raynor family, farmers and baymen (polite term for clamdiggers), whose principal member, Daniel Raynor, built a great mill on the stream now called Freeport River.

In 1868, when the "rub top" smokestack of the first Long Island Railroad engine pulled into town, belching smoke and wooden cinders, the station sign read Freeport. The village was incorporated in 1893.

Freeport, the "Venice of Long Island," so called because its shore is a network of natural canals that wind through deep velvet grass of vivid green, lies opposite the eastern end of Long Beach, where Jones' Inlet gives entrance from the ocean to the bay here. In the old days "liberty loving inhabitants" who risked the dangers of the inlet to escape paying duty on goods carried by ships, made this a free port—hence Freeport.

LONG ISLAND'S BIGGEST COMMUTER TOWN.

Owing to its proximity to Broadway, Freeport has more year-round commuters than any other Long Island village.

Judge Albin N. Johnson of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson is a 100 per cent town booster. The Judge's real middle name is Public Spirit. Engraved on his heart is Freeport. His second passion being the Elk's Prescient Lodge 1253, A. F. O. E. Judge Johnson's heart is big. He is a big figure in fraternal organizations here. Last year, as Exalted Ruler of the Elks of Freeport, the hustling Judge increased the lodge membership from 1,303 up to over 2,000, bringing the rank of the lodge from sixty-fifth to thirty-fifth in the 1,000 lodges of the order.

"We had sixty social sessions during the year, with a Post Exalted Rulers' Night every month," said the Judge, explaining his boom methods. "We also had Geo. Pershing, who is an El Paso, Tex., Elk. The Pershing reception was held at the auditorium, when the General specially honored Freeport with his visit."

When the regiment of "Johnson's Initiates" celebrated last April their 25th anniversary, the Judge presided in enlisting brother Elks, company M, parading with other companies from the Elks' hall of thirty-five pieces, outfitting the many war-cries with "stout build, well bred, short height, square head, nice smile, neat style, bright smart, GREAT HEART—THAT'S THE JOHNSON." That fits the Judge.

Hilbert R. Johnson, the Judge's brother and law partner, is village trustee.

Freeport is governed by a President, Robert L. Christie, and four trustees.

August V. Johnson, another brother, is paymaster of the Long Island Railroad, is Trustee of the Library. Judge Johnson is Master of Morton Lodge 63, F. and A. M. at Hempstead

where he initiated eighty-four members, breaking another record, and is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Freeport Council of the United Commercial Travelers of America.

"I am not yet a member of the W. C. T. U.," laughed his honor.

HE SUGGESTED THE NAME OF NASSAU COUNTY.

Archer B. Wallace, delegate with Johnson to the recent Elk's Convention held in Los Angeles, is a Freeport celebrity. Wallace, as Secretary of the mass meeting called in 1898, to propose the incorporation of a new county, heretofore suggested the name of Nassau. The minutes of that meeting, now preserved, verify this historical fact. Wallace, who was a freeman twenty-two years and formerly chief of the local force, is ex-President of the New York State Volunteer Firemen's Association and Freeport is holding a carnival this week to raise twenty-five thousand dollars to cover the expense of entertaining the State Organization at its 50th Anniversary next year. Wallace is a lustrous orator and as such is called upon to announce the boxing bouts at the auditorium of Joe Humphrey, who was challenged by Wallace to a long distance announcing contest. Humphrey failed to accept.

John R. Randall, the "Father of Freeport," owner of Randall Park and Woodchiff, is given credit of starting the active development of Freeport. As a real estate promoter Randall built three large artificial canals into the mainland from the bay, one being Randall's Bay, where the actors' bungalow colony is located. The South Shore Yacht Club is here. Randall resides on his handsome place in Freeport, while the John J. Randall Company constructs more canals for villagers who desire to dive from their front porch into salt water.

AN ACTORS' COLONY AND ITS CLUB HOUSE.

Freeport has long been celebrated as an actors' colony. Names of this sort of unique district, where electrically emblazoned theatres all over the country are found in Freeport. Arline, Helen and Edgar Gardner of the celebrated Grand Trio, dancers, actually sisters and brothers, live here with their mother.

The bay stands the actor folk's club house of unique design. The club is widely known as "The Lights," the word "Lights" being composed of the initials of "Long Island Good Hearted Thespians Society." The spacious club building includes sleeping quarters, a stage where acts are presented twice a week by club members, and a light house in which are star bedrooms with bay window breezes. In the language of the stage the light house is "practical" and has an electric lamp atop. In the cellar of "The Lights" is the pig pen, where a lot of log cabins and a chicken coop are located.

Christian E. Kern, 43 Railroad Avenue, leading architect of Freeport, designed "The Lights" and in appreciation of his happy scheme elected an honorary member of the club. Only three others, George M. Cohen, George Levy and Ernest Randall, share this honor with Kern.

Presenting officer of "The Lights" is "Angel" George McKay with Leo Carrillo and Harry Van Tiler, Vice Presidents and Norman Van Waring, Secretary. Star bedrooms, bearing brass plates of those who furnished them, belong to Julian Ellings, Harry Bulger, Percy Williams, Bernard Granville, Frank Tinsley, Max Hart, J. Francis Dooley, Lew Kelly, Victor Moore and others equally famous, including Arthur Deagan, who has probably forgotten the days when he used to sing "I don't seem like the same old smile that you used to give me long ago."

Fred Stone is a celebrated member of the club. George W. Winslow and "Red" Maurice Elliott do the managing for the Thespians, who, like top-liner Jimmy Johnson, haunt the light house tower vainly looking for a "mystery ship" to slip in Jones' Inlet.

St. Vincent Hall, a Catholic institution, that provides a summer home for orphans, is handy to the bay here where the children take healthy outings.

Frederick C. Knowles is Commodore of the South Shore Yacht Club and Frank P. Alcorn, Secretary. A hundred boats from the club are now on the club's annual cruise.

FREEPORT'S GUN CLUB A NOTED INSTITUTION.

The Freeport Gun Club, located at the foot of South Main Street, on the Freeport Meads, has the most sky-fire in the United States for shooting purposes, so experts declare. Harold N. Walker, Albin N. Johnson and Joseph P. Shay, Amos V. Pearson and

Rudolph P. Domschke conceived the idea and with Lewis P. Stone, Joseph Hirsch and Frank P. Alcorn formed the nucleus from which the club has grown to a membership of 200. May 15, 1921, an American flag, presented by Moses Bernstein, was raised over the new club building by Dorothy Stone, the daughter of Fred Stone, a member, who ranks as a crack shot with the pistol.

Rudolph Domschke, Treasurer of the club, formerly an ice baron, is

CAMORRA CHIEF, KILLED HERE, BURIED WITH HONORS IN ITALY

Shot Down Near Police Headquarters—His Body Shipped to Naples.

The news from Naples of the burial there yesterday of Alberto Ozafo with all the honors due to a chief of the Camorra is the closing chapter in a life which the police say was one of the most lawless led by a member of the Italian banditti in this country.

Ozafo, or as he was better known here, Alberto Alteri, was killed a few steps from Police Headquarters in February last.

Despatches from Naples tell of the body being received there and an immense funeral held for him, as one of the greatest chiefs of the Pelicini gang. All the flowers in Naples were purchased by his friends, in their desire to show their high regard for his memory.

Alteri, according to the New York police, was the head of gang with headquarters in this city that banded together to control vice in New York and New England. For eight years they levied tribute right and left.

In that time, it is said, Alteri gave a hand in six or eight murders and many kidnappings of young women. He was arrested several times but never was convicted. He lived at No. 347 East 31st Street, but from time to time he stopped at the best hotels in this and other cities. When the prohibition law went into effect the gang engaged in bootlegging and it was decided that any interloper into their territory should be killed as a warning to stay out. Protection was promised to their gunmen.

Alteri cleaned up a half million and a year ago announced that he was through and was done with the gang. A few months later he was called upon to contribute a sum of money for some of the gang who had got into trouble and he refused to give any.

According to the police, lots then were drawn at a meeting of the gang in Providence, R. I., and one of the members was designated to come to New York and kill Alteri. The fellow came, but as Alteri had heard of the threat the appointed assassin got cold feet. Then the police assert, Antonio Mancini was chosen to kill Alteri.

Mancini waited around a couple of days for a good chance to "bump off" his former chief and not getting a good opportunity waited for him almost in the shadow of police headquarters. Alteri came along between 12 and one o'clock while the street was filled. Mancini the police say stepped out and filled Alteri full of lead.

Two clerks from police headquarters and a patrolman witnessed the killing and effected the arrest. He is now in the Tombs awaiting trial.

U. S. HAS 12,500,000 LBS. EXPLOSIVES FOR FARMERS.

They Are Advised, However, to "Treat It With Respect."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The Department of Agriculture has 12,500,000 pounds of salvaged "comparatively safe" war explosives to give to farmers for land clearing.

Farmers are advised "to treat it with respect, for the records are full of stories of men who forgot this precaution in handling dynamite and other dangerous things."

putting the finishing touches on the "Sport Lovers' Nook," adjoining the gun club, where, "after the day with the whirling birds, after a day that's hot, oh, for a swim in the cooling sea, and a meal that will touch the spot"—all this according to Cecil H. Johnson, poet-laureate of Freeport.

The "Nook" has been transformed "in the know" will seek for fishing parties, moonlight sails, swimming off the dock and incomparable shore dinners of fresh picked lobsters and fish.

Joseph P. Shay, formerly manager of the famous old Metropole and Hotel Marlborough in New York City, acts in the same capacity at the Nook.

TAMMANY LEADER HINES KICKS OVER MURPHY'S TICKET

Names Talley, Who Was Turned Down for Judge of General Sessions.

James J. ("Jimmy") Hines, the insurgent Tammany leader of the 11th Assembly District, in Harlem, is planning to put a county and borough ticket in the field to fight the Tammany ticket in the September primary. The designation for District Attorney has been offered to Magistrate Joseph Corrigan and for Judge of the Court of General Sessions to Judge Alfred Talley, who was denied a nomination by Tammany. Neither had accepted this afternoon.

Hines wants to head the ticket as Borough President designate against Julius Miller, the Tammany choice. Even though he may be unable to put up a complete ticket Hines may enter the primary alone. He thinks he can get more votes than Miller.

Although Hines is the leader of the Eleventh District by virtue of selection by the enrolled voters of the district, he is not recognized by Tammany Hall, Charles F. Murphy's favor is accorded to a rival Tammany organization, of which John F. Galvin is the guiding light.

The Evening World received the following telegram to-day:

HORICON, N. Y., Aug. 13.

Please publish an emphatic denial of the statement in your paper yesterday regarding my withdrawal as candidate for Borough President of the Bronx. I am preparing for a vigorous campaign.

(Signed) JOSEPH M. LEVINE.

Mr. Levine is the Coalition-Republican candidate. The report that he had notified County Chairman Lawrence of his intention to withdraw came from a source that was considered reliable.

UNDERTAKER INDICTED IN SOLDIER BURIAL HELD.

Released on \$1,500 Bond After Pleading Not Guilty.

William A. Skahill, the undertaker, of No. 355 West 50th Street, who was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of presenting an alleged false claim to the Government for the burial April last of the body of Arthur Cliff, a former soldier, today pleaded not guilty. With the consent of Assistant United States District Attorney Matlock, Skahill was released on a bond of \$1,500.

According to the indictment, Skahill, who charged \$100 for the burial, failed to encase the casket in an hermetically sealed box, which the agreement with the military hospital authorities called for.

MORE EXEMPTION FOR MARRIED MEN IN NEW TAX BILL

Given \$500 More Than at Present, Making Total Deduction \$2,500.

FURS AND CANDY LOWER

Leader Mondell Expects Bill to Pass House Not Later Than Aug. 23.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The Ways and Means Committee of the House will put the finishing touches on the new tax bill to-day and it is expected that it will be reported Monday at the latest. When completed the measure will show a cut of nearly \$600,000,000 in the amount of the levies.

Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, believes that the bill will pass the House not later than Aug. 23 and with few changes from its present tentative form.

Among the important changes made at last night's meeting of the committee was the raising of the exemption on incomes of married persons from \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year, the change to be effective Jan. 1, 1921. This retroactive amendment will apply only to salaries under \$3,000. No change was made in the exemption for single persons, which is now \$1,000.

Representative Longworth (Rep., O.) was the author of the amendment. Under an amendment previously announced a deduction may be made of \$400 for each child. This was an increase from \$200 under existing law. Where there is one child in the family the total salary before tax is paid will be \$2,900 if these changes become effective.

The enlarged exemptions will cause a total loss of \$60,000,000 in revenue. The committee also struck out section 904 of the bill which places a 10 per cent. tax on many commodities and discussed placing on the articles affected a manufacturers' tax of 3 per cent. The change would eliminate the plan of existing law under which the retailer adds the tax.

Among the articles changed are: Hats in excess of \$5 and caps in excess of \$2; neckwear in excess of \$2 each; shirts in excess of \$3 each; underwear in excess of \$5.

The proposed substitute would apply on the value above amounts to be taxed. The number of articles will probably be enlarged. The taxes would yield \$100,000,000 instead of \$20,000,000 as now.

Tobacco and cigar taxes remain the same under the committee's decision. The tax of 10 per cent. on furs was reduced to 5 per cent. and on candies from 5 to 3 per cent. The tax on art was reduced from 10 to 5 per cent.

U. S. MAIL S. S. LINE INSOLVENT; NAME RECEIVER MONDAY

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four hours, it was learned to-day, consisted of four clerks in the office of C. D. Mallory & Co., and the President, who came in and went out with them, was Frank Bynum, also of that firm.

All five had been put in control of the United States Mail Company's affairs upon recommendation of Malcolm D. Chase and Alexander Smith, representatives of the security holders of the Swiftsure Oil Transport Company, which is operating through Mallory & Co. It was said to-day that Chase, Smith and others affiliated with them had passed completely out of the Mail Company's affairs.

On top of these developments the two De Lancey Nicolls, father and son, who were asked yesterday morning to withdraw as counsel to the company because they refused to obey the order of the new directorate to surrender to the Shipping Board, received a request from the restored original directorate to fight the Shipping Board to the finish and to disregard all instructions of the other faction.

A peculiar complication is due to the application to be heard to-day by Judge Manton why an order should not be entered forthwith vacating the injunction and turning over to the Shipping Board the nine vessels in controversy.

As this application is based upon a petition signed by Bynum just before his abdication as President, counsel to whom the papers are directed will contend the application has no standing before the court. Counsel to the Shipping Board declared last night Bynum's abdication does not affect the proceeding in the slightest.

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once by the Mayor; increase, \$45,150.

Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright, personal appointee and friend of the Mayor; increase, \$6,080,577.

Fire Commissioner Thomas J. Brennan, friend and follower of McCoey, Democratic boss in Brooklyn; increase, \$6,288,263.

Commissioner of Health Royal S. Copeland, friend of William Randolph Hearst; increase, \$1,354,770.

Commissioner of Welfare Bird S. Coler, ex-Comptroller and Brooklyn Democrat; increase, \$1,584,548.

Commissioner Nicholas J. Hayes, Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, adviser to Murphy; increase, \$1,444,352.

Commissioner of Street Cleaning John R. Leo, former member of Bureau of Standards, close to Murphy and Hyland; increase, \$3,597,709.

Commissioner of Plant and Structures Grover A. Whalen, former Secretary to the Mayor and one of his campaign managers in 1917; increase, \$2,963,247.

Commissioner of Docks Murray Hubert, Tammany candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, former Congressman, close to Murphy and former Gov. Smith; decrease of only \$33,513, although in 1918 the operation of city ferries was transferred to Department of Plant and Structures.

'OUR LADY OF FURS' AND NEW HUBBY LIVE IN TWO ROOMS

Former Anna Preston and Richard Rochester Jr. Secretly Married.

The culmination of a romance of two years' standing between the Baroness Castelli di Villanova, the New York society beauty, who after she relinquished the name of Anna Preston, was known in Paris as "Our Lady of Furs," and who has "gone through," as her new husband expressed it, several millions of dollars, and Richard Rochester Jr., son of the President of the New York Cordage Company, became known to-day when the bridegroom admitted they had slipped away to Greenwich, Conn., last week and been married by a woman Justice of the Peace.

The bride has been married twice before. Her first husband was the Italian Count Di Castelli, who is now living in Menajjio, Italy. She divorced the Count and married Dr. Arthur S. Chittenden of Binghamton. She obtained her freedom from the doctor eleven years ago.

Mr. Rochester and his bride are living in a modest two-room basement apartment at No. 2 West 11th Street. The former baroness does her own cooking, while hubby has a corner for his chemical experiments.

"We have been both through fortunes," admitted the husband to-day, "and we simply got to work to eat." Yes, the baroness is going to work, also. She told me yesterday that she is starting out in a new venture—perhaps—next week!

Mr. Rochester is sales manager of the Scientific Utilities Company of No. 18 East 16th Street. He was divorced from his first wife by a decree of Justice Tompkins of New York last April. Two children—Amy Christine, aged eight, and Devereaux, three—are with their mother in the Adirondacks. The first Mrs. Rochester, it is said, is a member of the Stanford family, of which Leland Stanford, founder of the California university, was best known.

HOOCH SHIP LIBELED; WILL BE AUCTIONED

Her Seizure Outside of So-Called Three Mile Limit Held to Be Legal.

The rum running schooner Henry L. Marshall, which was captured off the Jersey coast last week outside New York, just outside the three mile limit twelve days ago, has been formally seized, together with her cargo of whiskey and rum by the Treasury Department and three libels were filed against the vessel and her owner. The owners in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court to-day.

The libel by the United States District Attorney Hayward pray that the ship be sold to satisfy penalties amounting to \$4,000 for carrying contraband. The vessel is a three-masted schooner, twelve miles of the coast and without a permit and that the liquor be forfeited because it was intended to introduce it into the commerce of the United States.

Col. Hayward said that the law which permits the seizure of vessels attempting to unload within twelve miles of the coast in an attempt at fraud upon the customs was passed in 1909 and has been upheld by the Supreme Court. There is no law fixing a three-mile limit, but it is an ancient custom known to all nations. The law is a right to protect itself against vessels carrying concealed cargo. In the old sailing days the limit of a cannon's range was three miles, and that distance off shore was fixed as the safety boundary.

POLICE NAVY READY TO FIGHT HOOCH INVASION.

Michigan Posts Motor Boats in Detroit Waters.

DETROIT, Aug. 13.—Armed with rifles, seventy-five State police to-day started patrolling the waters in the vicinity of Detroit with motor boats to guard against liquor smugglers from Canada.

The troops arrived here from Lansing last night and reported to Charles P. Campbell, Detroit representative of the Michigan Public Safety Commission, who has declared war on the smugglers. This morning reports that efforts were being made to flood the United States with intoxicants as a result of a court ruling in Windsor that the Ontario Temperance Act does not forbid their export.